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1) https://quran.com/al-qariah/info

2) https://quran.com/al-qariah

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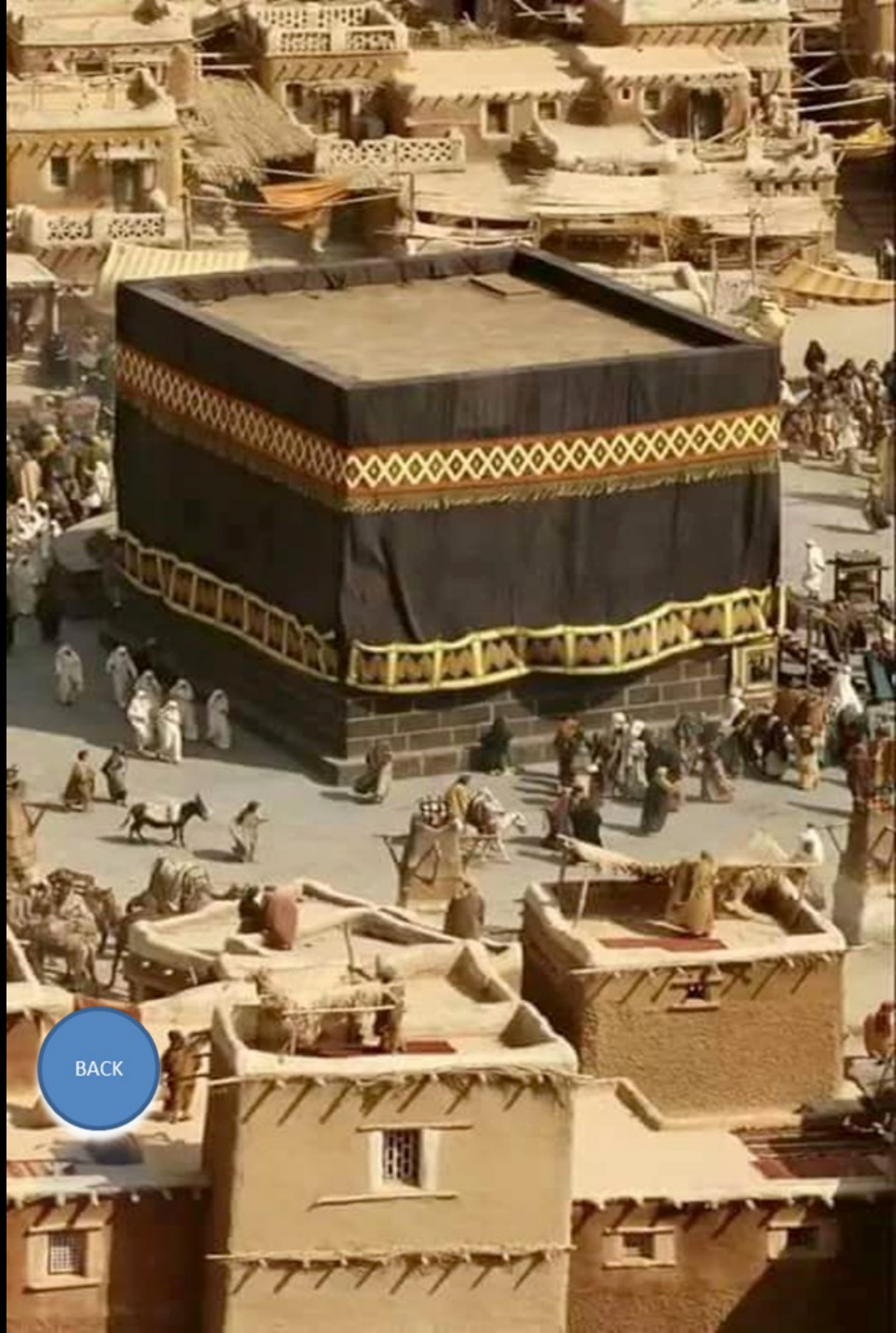
THE BACKGROUND 1

Adapted from Tafsir Ibn Ashur

Themes and purpose:

This Meccan surah is primarily dedicated to proving the certainty of the Resurrection and divine recompense. Its purpose is to describe the cosmic terror preceding the Hour and to establish the principle of accountability based on the weighing of deeds, assuring the reader of either eternal bliss or the consuming Fire.



Context of Revelation:

- Era: Meccan by consensus.
- Context: The surah was revealed early in the Prophet’s mission to counter the polytheists’denial and mockery of the Resurrection, using strong, imaginative imagery to make the event tangible.
- Chronology: It is counted as the 30th surah in the order of revelation, revealed after Sūrat Quraysh and before al-Qiyāmah.

Name

The surah is known by one name: "Sūrat al-Qāriʿah" (The Striking Calamity), for the unique word al-Qāriʿah [1], which is one of the many names for the Day of Judgment, signifying an event that will strike or smash the heart with terror.

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Surah Overview:

- Establishing the certainty of the Resurrection and detailing the cosmic terrors that precede it. [1-3]
- Describing humanity on that day as being like scattered moths and the mountains as carded wool. [4-5]
- Affirming the principle of Judgment based on the weighing of deeds, and describing the two contrasting destinies based on that. [6-11]

THE AYAT IN DETAILS 1

ٱلْقَارِعَةُ ١

The Striking Disaster!

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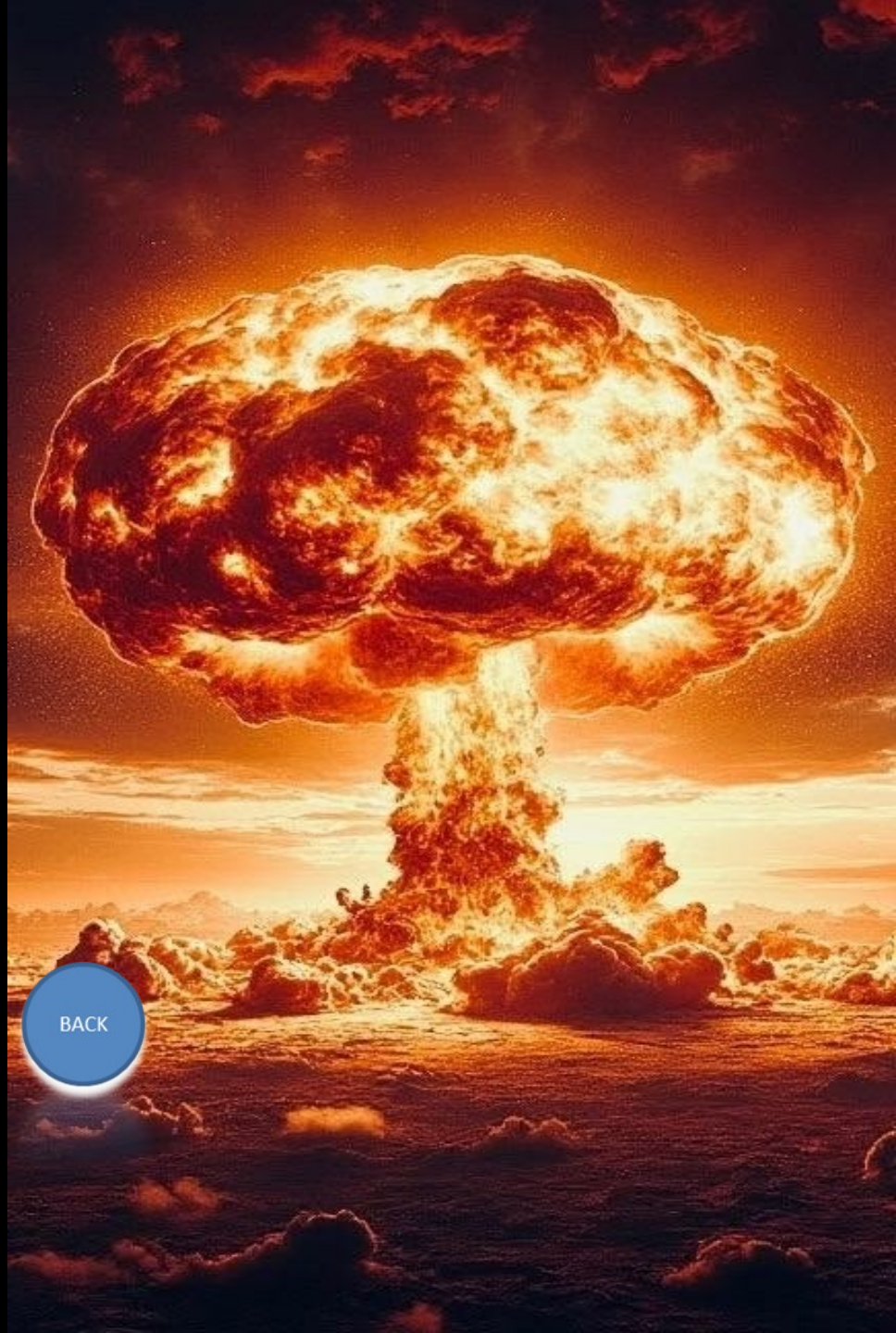
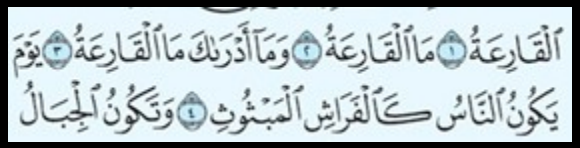
ٱلْقَارِعَةُ ۝٢ مَا

What is the Striking Disaster?

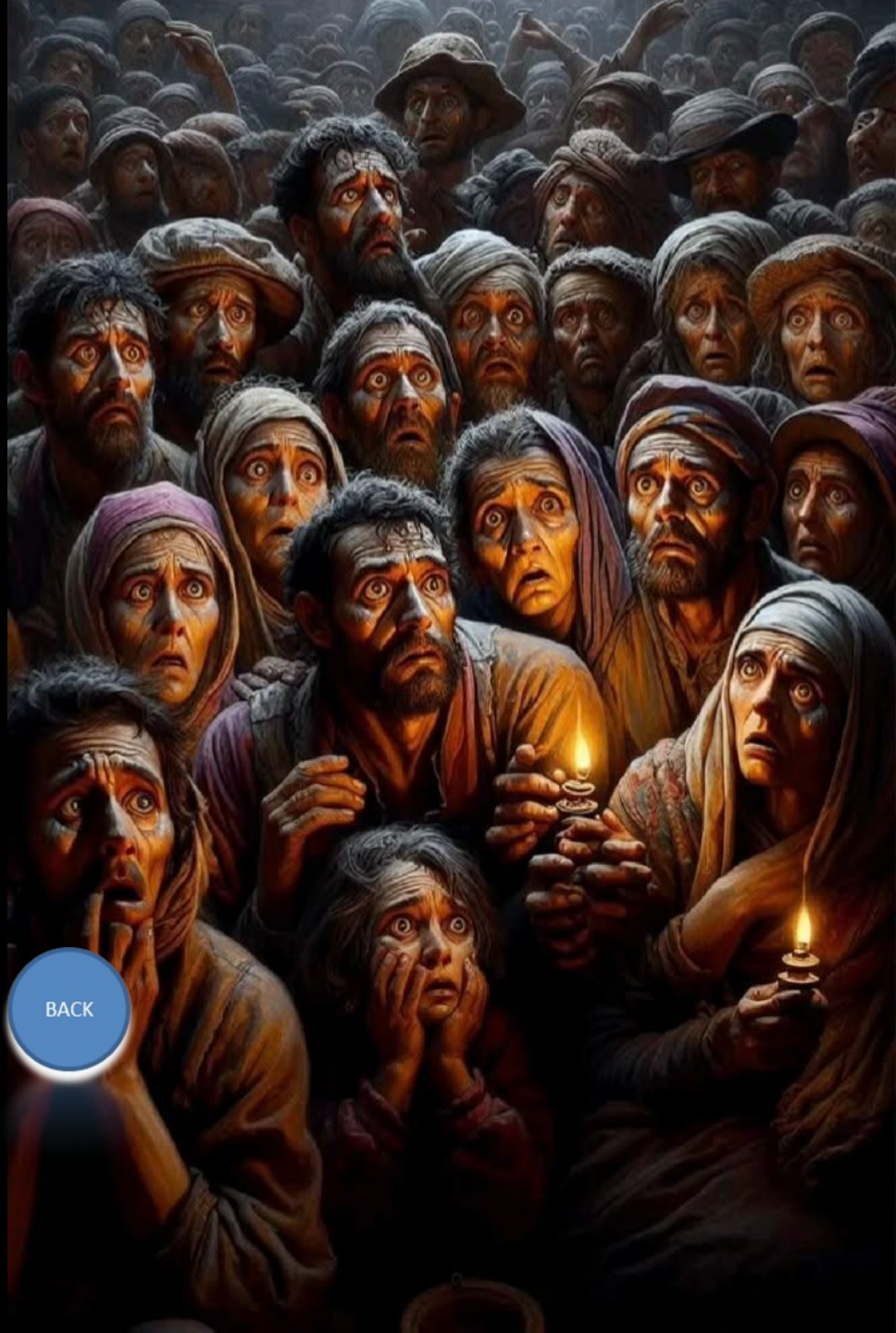
وَمَآ أَدۡرَىٰكَ مَا ٱلۡقَارِعَةُ ۝٣

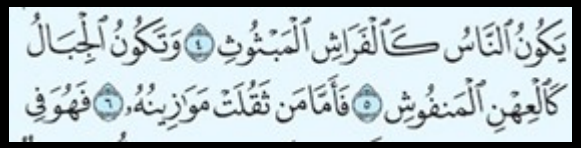
And what will make you realize what the Striking Disaster is?





It is the Day people will be like scattered moths,

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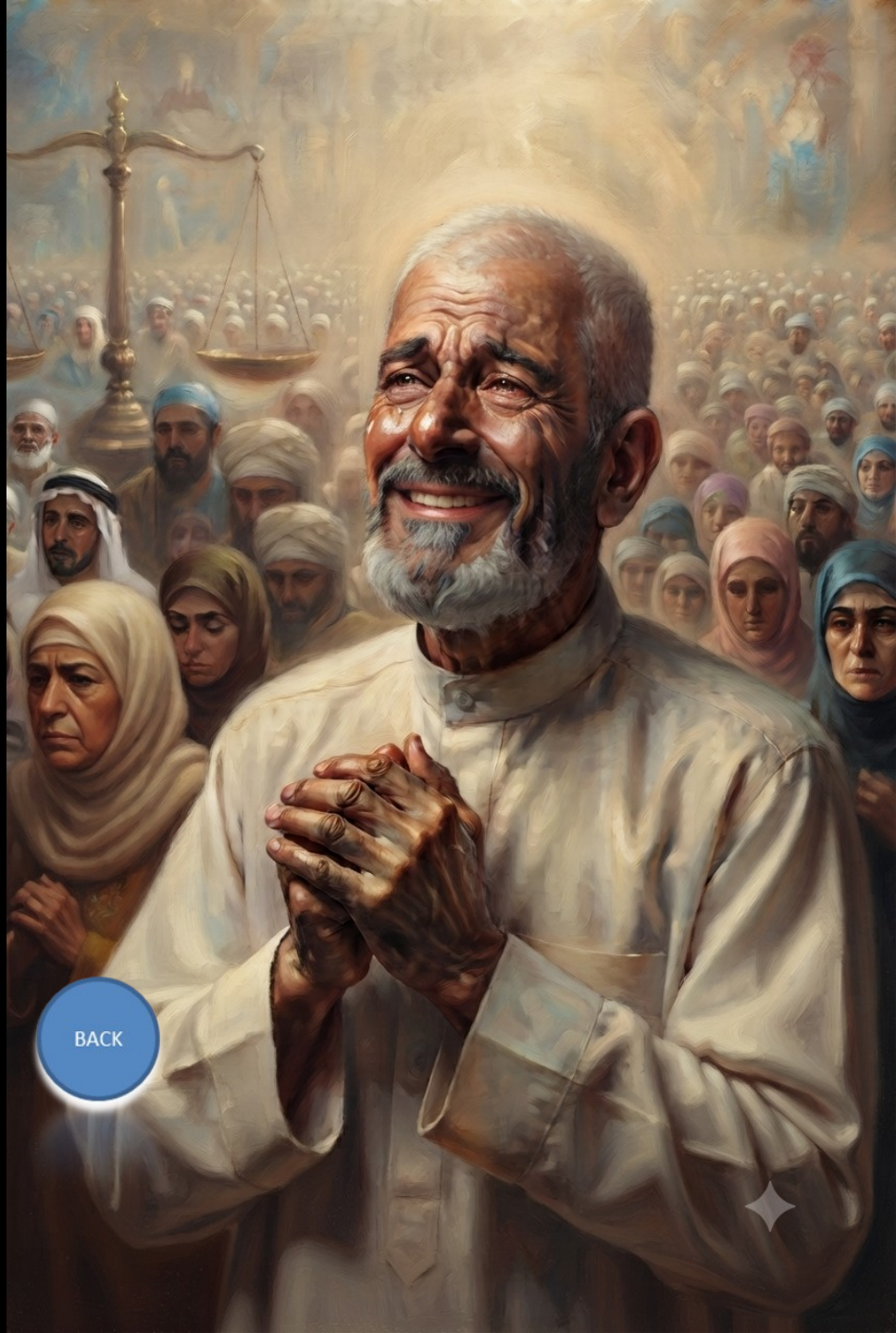
and the mountains will be like carded wool.

فَأَمَّا مَن ثَقُلَتْ مَوَٰزِينُهُۥ ٦

So as for those whose scale is heavy with good deeds,



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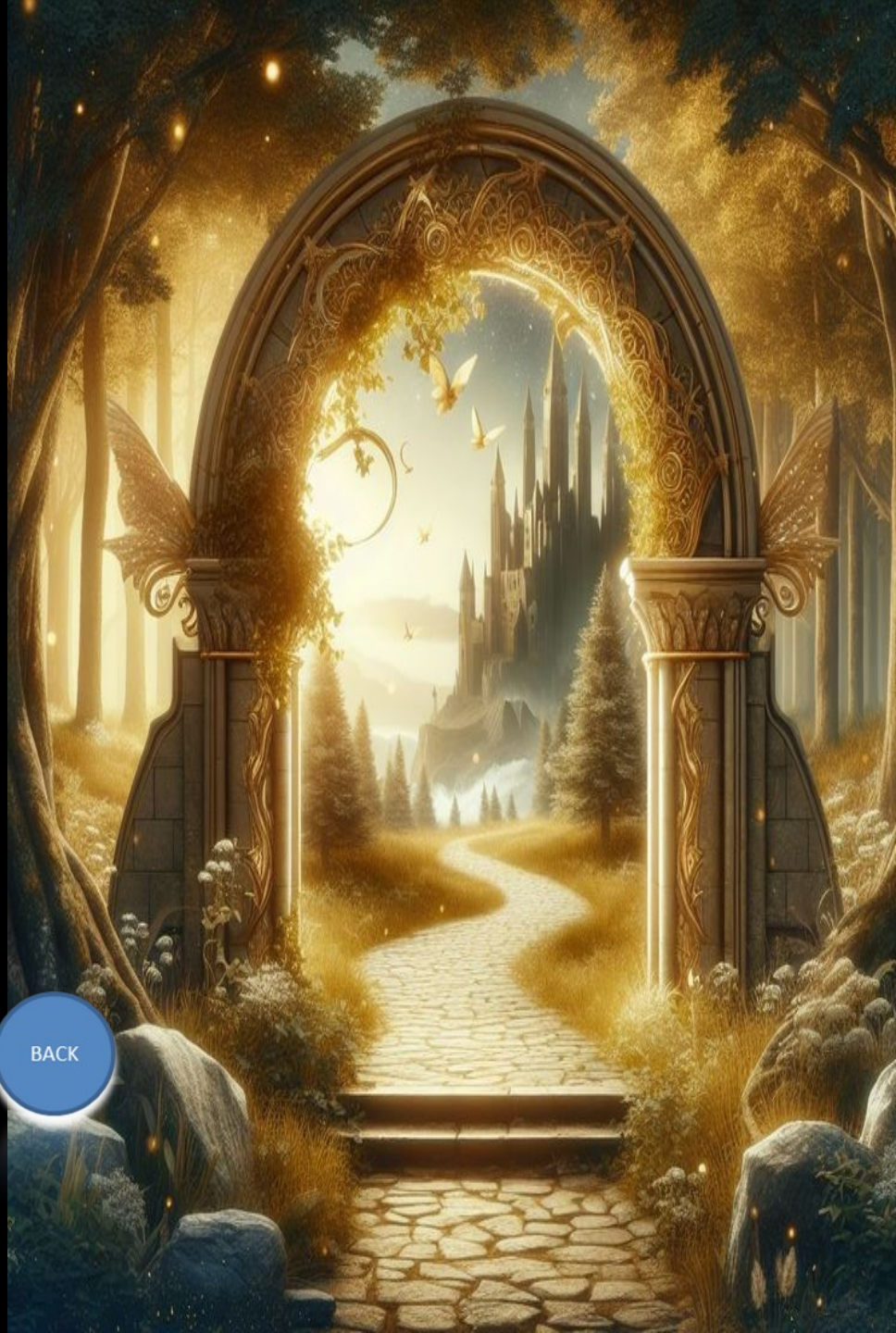
they will be in a life of bliss.



وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَٰزِينُهُۥ ٨

And as for those whose scale is light,

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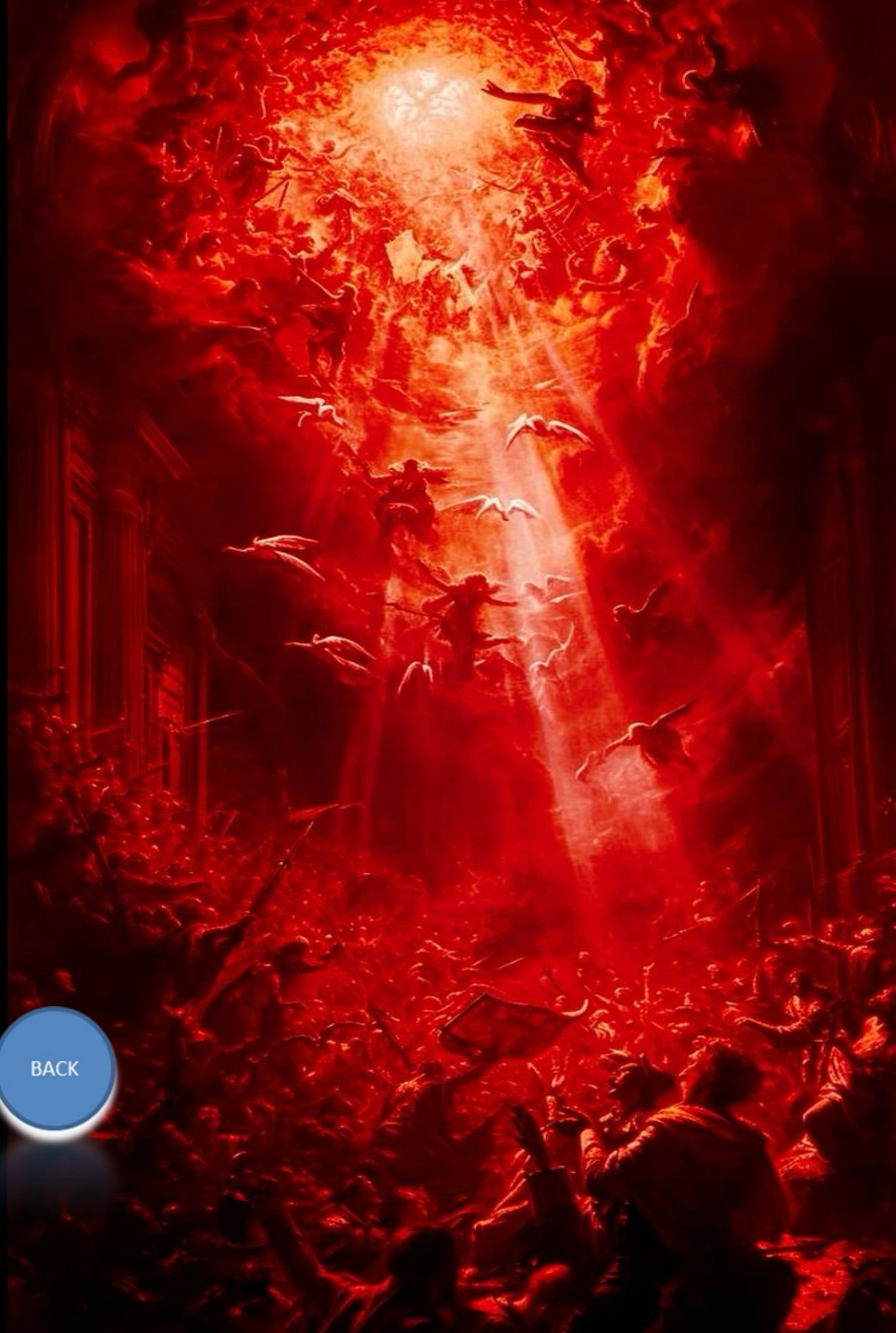
فَأُمُّهُۥ هَاوِيَةٌ

their home will be the abyss.



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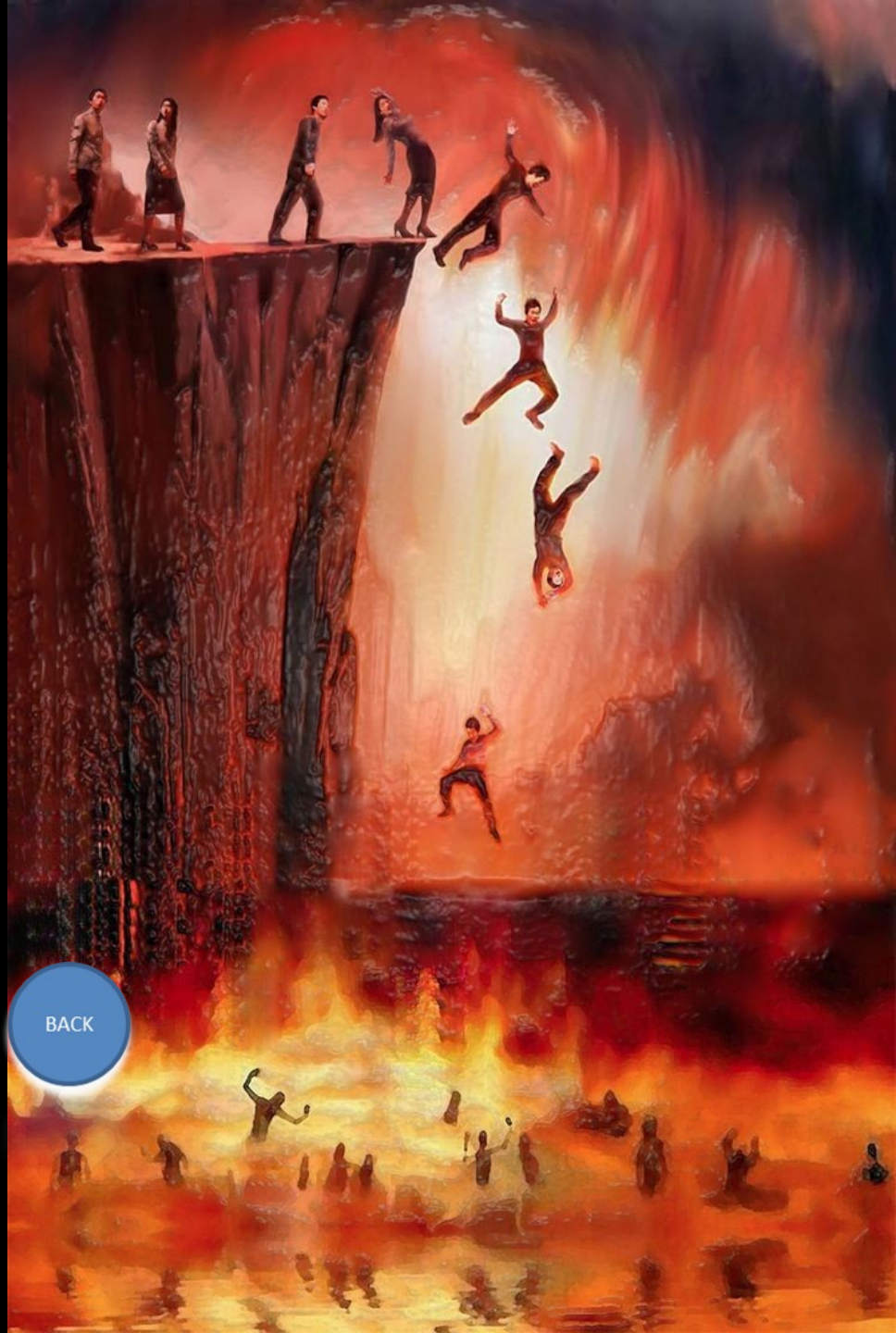
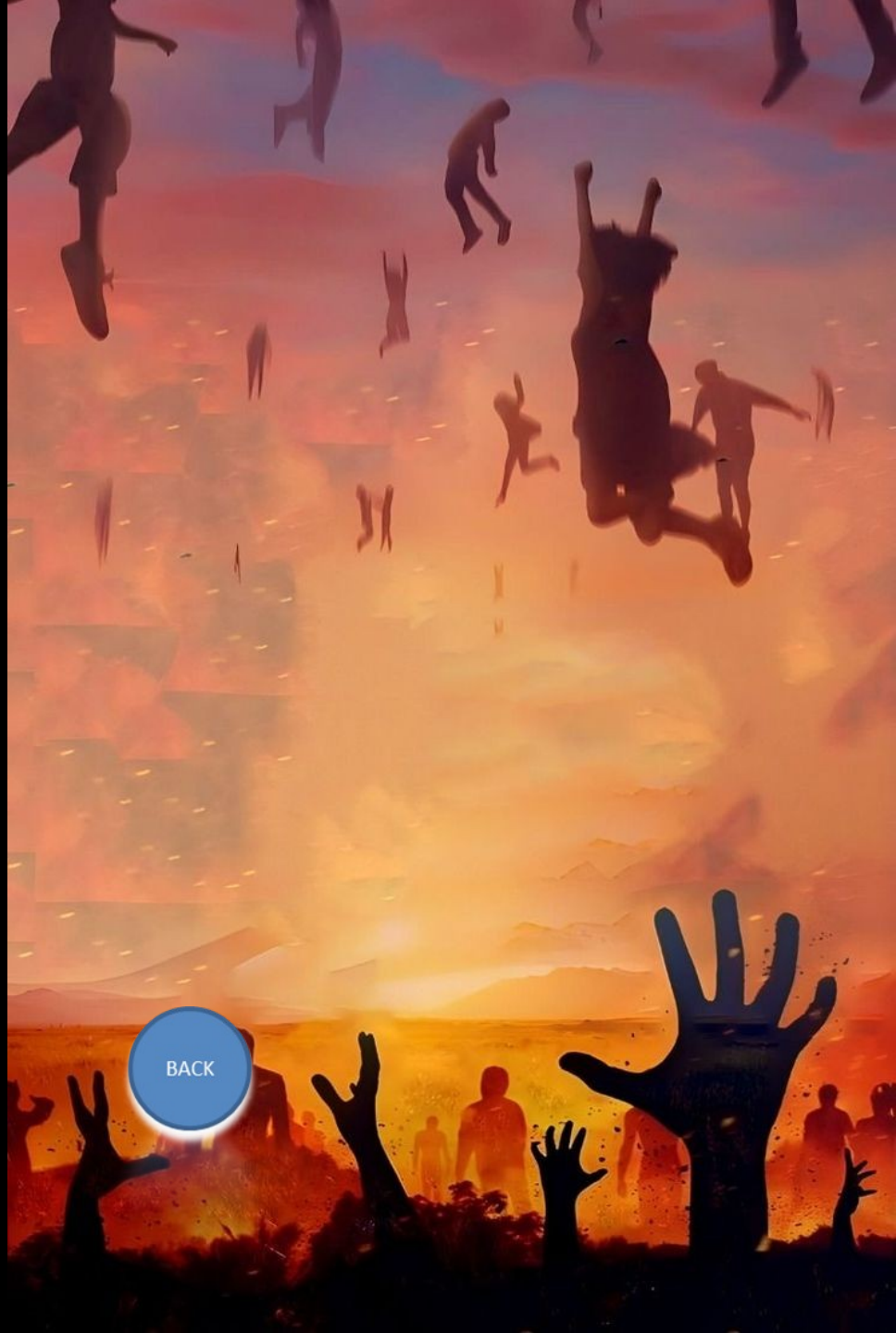
وَمَآ أَدۡرَىٰكَ مَا هِيَهۡ ١٠

And what will make you realize what that is?



نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ ﴿١١﴾

It is a scorching Fire.



EXCERCISES
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1. Remembering (Recall)

1) What is the name of the surah?
2) What does the word Al-Qāri‘ah mean?
3) How many verses are there in Surah Al-Qāri‘ah?
4) Which event is described by the word Al-Qāri‘ah?
5) How are people described on that Day?

1. Remembering (Recall)

6) How are the mountains described in the surah?
7) What will happen to those whose scales are heavy?
8) What will happen to those whose scales are light?
9) What is the name of the destination of those with light scales?
10) How does the surah describe Hāwiyah?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

1) Why do you think the surah repeats the question, "What is Al-Qāri‘ah?“
2) What effect does the repetition have on the reader?
3) Why are people compared to scattered moths?
4) Why are mountains compared to carded wool?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

5) What does the weighing of deeds teach us about accountability?

6) What is meant by a life of happiness for those whose scales are heavy?

7) Why does the surah emphasize the greatness of the Day of Judgment?

8) What can we learn about Allah's justice from this surah?

3. Applying

1) How can a Muslim prepare for the Day described in this surah?
2) What good deeds can help make one's scale heavy?
3) How should this surah influence our daily behavior?

3. Applying

4) When faced with a choice between right and wrong, how can the message of this surah guide us?

5) How can remembering the Day of Judgment help a person avoid sins?

6) What actions can students take today to increase their good deeds?

4. Analyzing

1) Compare the condition of people and mountains on the Day of Judgment. What do these descriptions have in common?
2) Why does the surah first describe the horrors of the Day before mentioning the weighing of deeds?
3) How do verses 6–9 divide humanity into two groups?

4. Analyzing

4) Analyze the connection between deeds in this life and the final outcome in the Hereafter.

5) What do the images of scattered moths and carded wool suggest about the stability of the world on that Day?

6) How does the structure of the surah build suspense and seriousness?

5. Evaluating

1) Which description in the surah do you think has the strongest impact on people? Why?
2) Why is it fair that people are judged according to their deeds?
3) Do you think remembering the Day of Judgment can positively affect society? Explain.

5. Evaluating

1) Which lesson from this surah is most important for Muslims today? Why?
2) How effective are the surah's comparisons in helping people understand the reality of the Last Day?
3) Why should a believer care more about the weight of deeds than worldly success?

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

1) Write a short speech explaining the main message of Surah Al-Qāri‘ah.
2) Create a mind map showing the major themes of the surah.
3) Design a poster that illustrates the lessons of Surah Al-Qāri‘ah.
4) Write three practical steps a Muslim can follow to ensure a heavy scale of good deeds.

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

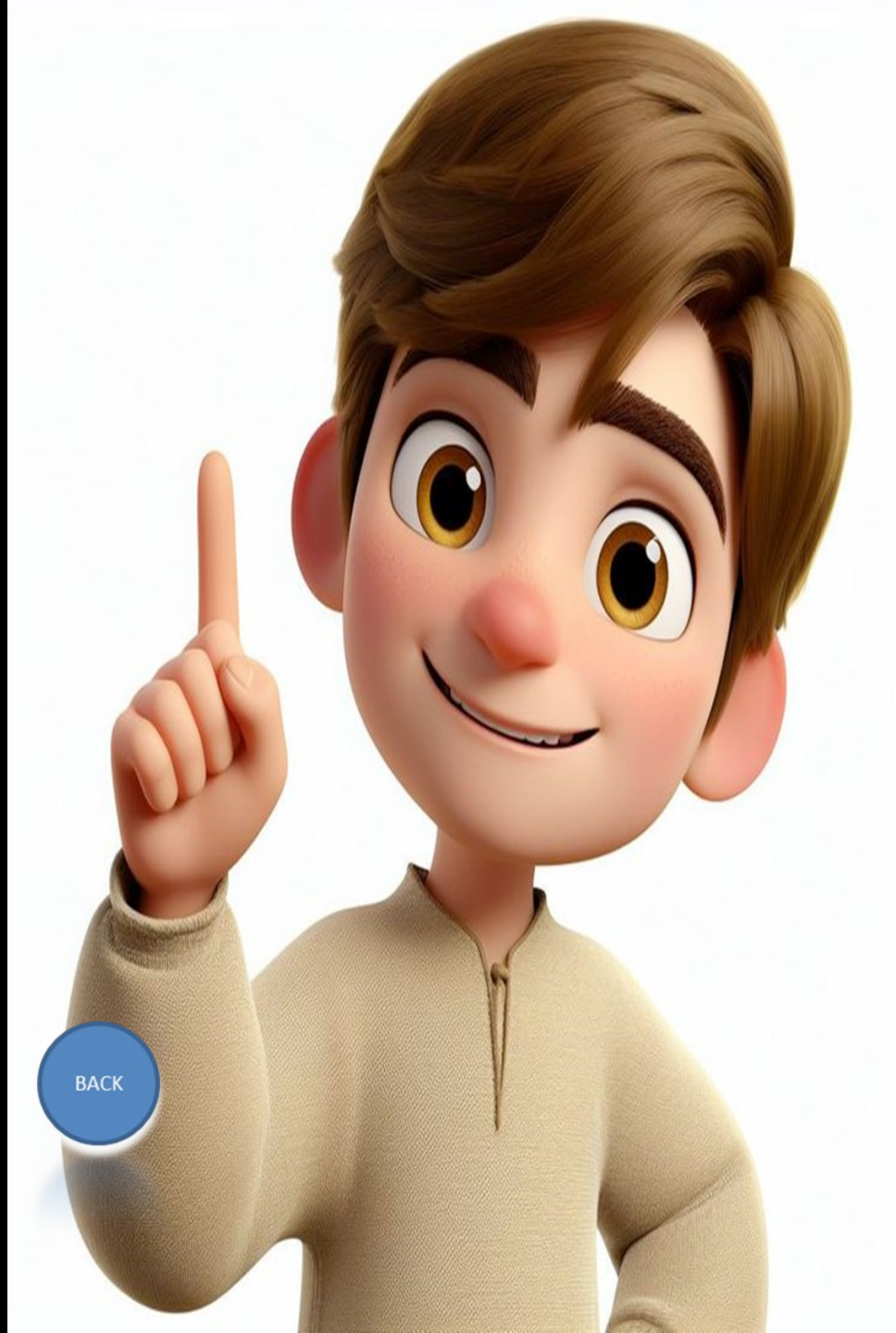
5) Compose a reflection on how this surah changes your view of worldly life.
6) Create a comparison chart between the people with heavy scales and those with light scales.
7) Imagine you are teaching this surah to younger students. How would you explain its message in simple words?
8) Write a paragraph summarizing the sequence of events mentioned in the surah from the beginning to the end.

Higher-Order Thinking Questions

1) Why do you think Allah uses vivid imagery rather than simply stating the facts of the Day of Judgment?
2) If people truly believed the message of this surah, how might their priorities change?
3) What would be the consequences if a society ignored the concept of accountability described in this surah?

Higher-Order Thinking Questions

4) How does Surah Al-Qāri‘ah balance fear of punishment with hope for reward?
5) In what ways does this surah encourage self-reflection and personal responsibility?
6) How does the message of Surah Al-Qāri‘ah connect with other surahs that discuss the Day of Judgment?



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